GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DECCAN ODYSSEY TRAIN IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his ministry has taken up the issue of having `Deccan Odyssey` luxury train in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether the MTDC and Tata Consultancy Service had submitted the proposal to the Ministry long back; and

(c) if so, the present status of the proposal and the extent to which it is likely to attract tourists on implementation?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): The proposal of the Government of Maharashtra for introduction of Luxury Trainhas been sanctioned for Central Financial Assistance of Rs.8.49 Crores.The feasibility study by Tata Consultancy Service show that the FIRR is 22% and that it will be a great tourist attraction.